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SUPPLY OF COAL TO POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the present requirement of coal by various Industries and power stations in the country, State-wise, industry-wise and power station-wise;

(b) whether the supply of coal was made to these industries/power stations as per their demand during each of the last three years and till date;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure sufficient supply of coal to these sectors ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a)&(b) Demand of coal is assessed by Planning Commission in consultation with ministries of Power, Steel, Coal and Industry etc, on the basis of projected growth assumptions and demand of the consumers. Demand is not assessed state-wise. The sector-wise demand and despatch of coal for last three years are as under:

(in million tonnes)

	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01+		2001-02
	Demand	Despatch	Demand	Despatch	Demand	Despatch	Demand
Power	220.30	207.70	214.00	224.74	223.63	241.35	241.54
Steel	36.83	24.98	36.83	21.40	41.76	22.8	34.12
Cement	15.00	8.61	10.00	9.50	15.42	10.03	17.00
Others	53.25	50.31	51.00	50.86	53.04	43.06	61.63
Total	325.38	291.60	311.83	306.50	333.85	317.31	354.29

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(c)&(d) The assessed demand is decided before the start of the year. Very often, the actual requirement and off take of coal varies from the demand assessed by the Planning Commission.

Consumers, particularly in Steel, Cement and to some extent in Power Sector, also import coal to meet their requirements either due to inadequate availability of coal from indigenous sources or on account of cost considerations.